

**Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC)
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)
Summary of Minutes - Joint Public Meeting**

Thursday, February 13, 2014- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

PSCC Voting Members Present

- Aaron Sandeen, State CIO and Deputy Director, ADOA-ASET (PSCC Chairman Designee)
- Glenn Brown, Fire Chief, Mayer Fire Department (Teleconference)
- Steven Campbell, Chief, City of El Mirage Police Department (Teleconference)
- Doug Chappell, Fire Chief, Drexel Heights Fire District (Teleconference)
- Gilbert Orrantia, Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security (Teleconference)
- Patrick Quinn, Deputy Chief, Tucson Fire Department (Teleconference)
- Jeffrey Raynor, Lt. Colonel, Department of Public Safety
- Mike Worrell, Captain, Phoenix Fire Department (Teleconference)

PSCC Voting Members Absent

- Thomas Alinen, Deputy Chief of Police, Sierra Vista Police Department
- David Azuelo, Captain, Tucson Police Department
- William David Bunce, Fire Chief, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- Patrick Hancock, Chief, Snowflake Fire
- Bryan Savage, Fire Chief, Lakeside Fire Department
- Dewayne Woodie, Fire Chief, Ganado Fire District/EMS

SIEC Members Present

- Mark Venuti, Director, Guardian Medical Transport (Co-Chair) (Teleconference)
- Mike Sacco, Captain, Pima County Sheriff's Office (Co-Chair) (Teleconference - joined after roll-call)
- Jesse Cooper, Communications IT Project Manager, Phoenix Police Department (Teleconference)
- Jeremy Knoll, Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Supervisor, Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Pete Weaver, Director, Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management (Teleconference)

SIEC Members Not Present

Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office Attendees:

- Justin Turner, Arizona Statewide Interoperability Coordinator & Manager, Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office
- Karen Allen, Project Manager
- Michael Britt, Project Manager
- Glade Jarman, Project Manager
- Greg Sundie, Project Manager
- Kyle Stephens, Project Coordinator

46 interested parties and members of the public were also present either in person or on the web conference.

Call to Order and Roll Call for PSCC

Aaron Sandeen, State CIO and Deputy Director, ADOA-ASET (PSCC Chairman Designee)

Information Item

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by PSCC Chairman Designee Aaron Sandeen. Roll call was then taken by Mr. Justin Turner, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, and a quorum of the PSCC was declared present as noted above.

Chairman Sandeen then noted for the record that this was a combined PSCC and SIEC meeting and asked Justin Turner for a roll call for the SIEC.

Roll Call for SIEC

Mark Venuti & Mike Sacco, SIEC Co-Chairs

Information Item

Roll call of the SIEC was taken by Mr. Turner, and a quorum of the SIEC was declared present as noted above.

Expiration of PSCC Statutory Authority and Support for SIEC

Information & Discussion Item

Aaron Sandeen, State CIO and Deputy Director, ASET, ADOA (PSCC Chairman Designee)

Chairman Sandeen updated the Commission on recent developments regarding the legislative meetings on the role and value of the PSCC. Despite best efforts in legislative outreach, enough members of the legislature remained unconvinced about the continuing need for the PSCC that receiving a continuation was not a reasonable possibility. Thus, the PSCC will be going through a sunset process.

Chairman Sandeen stated that the PSCC will lose its legislative authority on July 1, 2014. The plan is to stop all expenses against the PSCC fund by April 1. Chairman Sandeen emphasized he valued all the work that the PSCC staff and commissioners have done over the past 9 years. Moving forward, the goal is to address the vacuum this action will create and how to ensure that important programs continue with other agencies after the PSCC is gone. There will be other working group meetings in the future to determine where specific roles will be placed, such as the SWIC, SCIP, technical documents, and other critical roles that require new homes.

Mr. Sandeen thanked everyone who has been involved over the past nine years and then asked for comment from the SWIC, Justin Turner.

Mr. Turner commented that we do not want to lose the capabilities that have been developed over the past nine years. The PSCC will be working with outside agencies to ensure that we coordinate the sunset process in such a way that work between other agencies continues. Mr. Turner further noted that while expenditures from the general fund will end by April 1, the grant funded projects that the PSIC Office is working in conjunction with the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) will continue through the end of the period of performance on May 31, 2014.

Chairman Sandeen then concluded by taking questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Quinn noted that he had been associated with the program for 7 years and felt the PSIC office has done a fantastic job. Commissioner Quinn stated he was very disappointed to hear about the sunset and feels there is a need for on-going State direction with new technologies on the horizon. Technology is the key to doing public safety in an efficient and safe manner. If the legislature will not allow us to govern ourselves and come up with a solution from within, then this is a huge step backwards. Remaining agencies need to come together under another organization to keep this going. It is too important to let drift away.

Commissioner Worrell commented that while we were not able to create a statewide system, some of what we have done is looked at as a national model, such as the COMU program. These are major achievements that people look to us for guidance in and it is a shame to see it go away. The PSCC and SIEC created a forum to get together to share ideas, resources and information to improve interoperability. It is sad to see it go away.

Commissioner Campbell spoke, echoing Mr. Quinn and Mr. Worrell, stating the PSIC staff deserves recognition for the work they were able to do. As chair of one of the regional systems, he knows this will be a huge blow to the momentum. If we capitalize on the momentum to keep it going, we can retain some of the earned value of the program. We shouldn't let that value disappear with the PSCC. This program moved some of the rural areas forward in programming and policies. To those listening, we cannot stop now – we have a lot of work to do.

Chairman Venuti of the SIEC spoke next and agreed with the prior comments and felt a lot of progress has been made. Mr. Venuti called the move a punch in the gut. Mr. Venuti stated the SIEC has a number of tasks and responsibilities that will continue and we need to see how the SIEC will manage those responsibilities.

Director Orrantia asked for a high level outline of what we need to accomplish before the sunset. Mr. Turner answered that there is much to do operationally and in identifying core capabilities and functions to ensure continuity. We need to discuss what roles can be moved to other State agencies or other entities. The SIEC will continue as before, but other policies and procedures will need to move. From a practical standpoint, contracts will be reviewed for extension, modification, or transfer. Institutional knowledge built up over the life of the program will be maintained for as long as possible. Updates will be sent out every 2 weeks as we move forward. Other meetings will take place to cover the SIEC and other similar programs.

Michael Sherman, Executive Director of the Broadband Planning and Public Safety Communications group added that the Director of the Department of Administration has requested a report on the accomplishments of the Commission, which will be sent to the legislature. Mr. Sherman requested the commissioners to send suggestions for this list of accomplishments to Mr. Turner, as well as suggestions for improvement of the program. A wind-down report is due to the Director on March 12, so time is a factor.

Call to the Public

After Chairman Sandeen opened the meeting to the public, Mark Schroeder of the Arizona Chapter of APCO/NENA said that he and his organization was willing to help in any way they can.

Doug Mummert also commented, praising the commission and the PSIC office. He reminded all present that interoperable communications is a priority for first responders in the state, so he and Phoenix Fire stand ready to help this process in any way.

Adjournment

After reminding all present that they can turn to the PSIC staff or himself for any questions and assistance required during the transition, Chairman Sandeen adjourned the meeting at 2:24 PM.

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